GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:736
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ATTACK ON PARASSINIKKADAVN SNAKE PARK
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received against the attack on Parassinikkadavn Snake Park of Kannur district of Kerala;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. A complaint has been received regarding seizure of animals in the Snake Park of Kannur district of Kerala. According to the report received from the State Government, animals of the park kept illegally by park owner were seized by State Government officials under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act. After seizure, it was planned to take the animals to safer places under the supervision of a team of experienced veterinarians. However, the seized animals could not be moved to the places as planned due to extraordinary delay in the Judicial process spanning over more than 50 hours. Hon`ble High Court of Kerala has directed that the animals be kept in the Park itself under the supervision of forest official till a final view has been taken by the Court in the matter..